THE SECRET KINGDOM

Written by Louis Joseph Vance, in collaboration with Basil Dickey. Everything you read here to-day you can see this week at leading motion picture theaters in vivid motion pictures produced by the Vitagraph Company. Starring: Mr. Charles Richman, Miss Dorothy Kelly, Miss Arline Pretty and a notable cast.

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EPISODE EIGHT. Samnritan.

Castledected castaways betrayed the mental distress or physical discom-

it was, furtherprovisioned against parent vessel; the fast the line. after-butt was full; there was ship's lacuit and to spare. Land—the Ba-Meantime its course diagonally a main-traveled of the seas, it would be odd were sighted before some or

That thought was in the mind of their common demeanor, scanned regularly the wide ring

New York-West Indies trade.

quil weells, had the color of profoundest sapphire, with a surface unflawed crisp hiss of water parting to the fe-boat's stem. Already the castaways all that had needed to be they spoke infrequently, for in monosyllables or

A second shaking elicited shrill recourse. And hardly had the hull lifered into view when the course was changed and the schooner bore down directly and the schooner bore down directly. A grinning negro foremast had east the life boat a line, Juan Lopez caught and made this fast while Phillip struck the leg-of-mutton sail. Course, the small boat slipping in underling aboard.

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der its quarter and the castaways clambering aboard.

The crew had mustered to a man to witness the rescue, A smallish, ealt-bitten, weather-bronzed New Englander was the first to welcome the castaways, introducing himself as the castaways in the first to welcome the castaways in the first to welcome the castaways, introducing himself as the castaways, introducing himself as the castaways with a face as hulking Nova Scotlan with a face with patients of the commotion on deck, at that instant came up the commotion on deck, at that instant came up the commotion on deck, at that instant came up the commotion on deck, at that instant came up the commotion on deck, at that instant came up the commotion on deck, at that instant came up the commotion on deck, at that instant came up the commotion on deck, at that instant came up the commotion on deck, at that instant came up the commotion on deck, at the first to welcome the castaway.

Her retirement from the deck was almost coincident with the arrival of the flotilla within hailing distance. Goode lifted a stentorian voice, deck to her quarters permetricly by Captain Goode, she subtited, lingering only for a few words with Philip, whose efforts to reassure her had little effect. But i patiently be captain Goode, she subtited, lingering only for a few words with Philip, whose efforts to reassure her had little effect. But i patiently be captain Goode, she subtited, lingering only for a few words with Philip, whose efforts to reassure his informant that no time will be lost in the matter of salling the submissively went below again.

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unendurable, they were conducted be-low with kindly insistence, plied with food and drink till they could swallow

There was a little pause. Stolidly

Repetition of Goode's half and warn-

perforce to his well-meant exercise of say for yourself?" still Raomn's tongue refused its ofauthority, they turned in gratefully— S and each on the instant subsided into fice slumbers profoundly lethargic. And no Philip did not even dream. A thirty-hour span of unbroken wake-

fulness, twelve hours of which had back into his boat and its local and been passed in an open boat, topping off three days of the most exhaustive labors in the stokehold of the yacht Astra, had worn even his iron endurance thin. Sleep descended upon his senses like a great warm wave of obliterating darkness. Yet strangely, deep in his subconsciousness, the instinct for self-preservation was quick, a sentinct vigilantly on the qui vive and sensitive to occult influences to which his waking wits would have proved numb. Slowly as he slept a forchoding of peril came to him, a sense of the ship up?"

Ten thousand dollars!" he screamed to the panying report was strangely loud in the unnatural silence of the calm. With a choking cry Captain Goode's attitude was nexorable. Strugging and cursing the Prime Minister of Alania was dragged back to the rail. There he managed to make a stand, by almost superinuman efforts freeing an arm, plunging a hand into a pocket and bringing to view a great forchoding of peril came to him, a sense of the calm. With a choking cry Captain Goode dropped his weapon. It struck the gunwale and went overboard. His knees buckled under him. He fell backwards with an odd, horrible effect of spinelessness.

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He found himself sweating extravagantly, with a hammering heart and a mouth that was bone-dry with fear. As his drugged perceptions cleared he distinguished a rumor of excitement from the deck. An authoritative voice

from the deck. An authoritative voices was shouting orders. Other voices were responding. There was a patter face of the waters.

trough of the waves. In its bows a man stood inexpertly, grasping with that, thrown from the schooner, had of that perfect subtropic its stern a young woman sat, holding neared its meridian. The life-boat on to the gunwales with both hands. watching anxiously the man's clumsy

That woman was Victorine Savatz suffering—either That man was Count Ramon de Zoba. without lingering to wonder how those two had come to leave the Astra, Philip flung out of his cabin into the easily a company of thirty, it saloon and up the companionway in the maddest haste, gaining the deck in final and most frantic essay to make

Then once more the schooner swung back to her course, her sails filling. ama Islands lay somewhere below while the life-boat slipped up under

Half a dozen willing hands helped he boat forged briskly on, its leg-of-the Savatz in over the rail.

"Master—in the name of reason." the forward thwarts, corpu- appeal to the captain-tell him what

these devils intend-This from Juan Lopez, who suddenappeared at Philip's elbow. Philip lenged him with a shake of his head.

against such odds . . ." But he reckoned without certain mowledge of the temper of that one.

Ramon, helped aboard immediately af-ter his companion, no more than felt the deck beneath his feet than he dis- gry hound gets ready to bury it."

mask of semi-insane rage. Brushing aside those who stood in his way, he threw himself wildly toward Philip.

In the stern, head he sought to throw his man, and f Alania (allas would have succeeded but for well-Philip of Arizona), sat with intentioned interference. For, recoyr, of Arizona), sat with intentioned interference. For, recoyrg, of Arizona, sat with intentioned interference. For, recoyappearances, very well con- most foaming with rage and threaten- schooner-long oars lifting and rising ir attire alone seemed in any ing Philip blasphemously in half a in rhythmic paison blader dealing first long breath, and took thought cave. and this dozen languages.

vas telerably presentable and skirt of heavy linen, white cotton stockings caskin shoes; Philip and only by the prompt action of the mate, to the contrary, pre- who clipped her in his arms from bebuttonicss, open from throat laughing a little at her efforts to rewith a pair of hopelessly be- gain her freedom.

that neither possessed shoes nor him as severe shaking at the hands of the skipper.

Sobered by fear, Count Ramon bit an

with con- oath in two and sullenly subsided. flotilla had still some "Now let's get at the meaning of when the Samaritan"

food and drink till they could swallow no more, then assigned to comfortable quarters—the skipper all the while gently but firmly insisting they must not waste their strength in explanations of their plight, something which, he declared, could wait till they had slept and fenewed their strength. Submitting and fenewed their strength, Submitting and fenewed their strength, Submitting and strength strength submitting and strength strength submitting and strength submitting and strength strength submitting and strength strength submitting and strength submitted refutation of the girls charges. He received none in produced no more effect. Still in up to the contemplation of forloominous silence, the negree and strength submitted refutation of the girls charges and strength submitted refutation of the skipper and strength submitted refutation of the skipper and strength submitted refutation of the skipper and strength submitted refutation of the sipper and

"I guess I don't need any more tes- sequences!"

"Ten thousand dollars!" he screamed heart.

f bare feet overhead. The steady on- Another day; the first shafts of the a club and was being bound. Several

port above Philip's head, machetes and lay

lingered for a little in his berth, with water was as their native element, and a mind as completely at east as was dragged below to drown miserably. wondering lazily as the stillness of the ship. There were no who sounds audible to him other than the with

world. The sea in the dawn-light was like a vast plate of iridescent glass. The waters looked very was on deck, there was no reason why one should not enjoy a swim.

Dressing quietly in shirt and trousagainst this onslaught, elubbed him wickedly Philip slipped out into the saloon, before him and was seated at his end rent table, meditatively relishing his matutinal coffee

ne account of his recent hisconsiderable quantity of dynamite for the canal workings.

"Morning," said the skipper in a guarded tone, explaining by "You're the first up, after me.

"No, thank you I want a swim first." "Better be satisfied with sourcing yourself with a bucket," Goode advised. Sharks as thick as minnows in these

"Becalmed off Rum Cay." "Land in sight?

Nigger wreckers-no better than out of the water, close nighty nigh exclusively populated by of day since the moment when a nighty nigh exclusively populated by of day since the moment when a niggers. Ead lot. Not enough authors clubbed and gone overboard, to stunned, immediately under These outlying islands are vorite sport. Eve seen vessels that got the schooner. into trouble in these waters picked as

"I'll have a look."
Philip went on deck. man at the wheel and two who sat on the deck up forward, with backs

wicked-looking knife. Before any of the bystanders could move the two men were at grips and struggling fully, for philip had caught the desperado's wrists and they closed together. Swinging them high above Ramon's stern, head he sought to throw his man, and would have succeeded but for a gassiping gossiping and gossiping didly.

A glance off to starboard showed him the profile of a rather considerable island. Savinging the man and they closed together, the profile of a rather considerable island less than a mile distant, its heights, clothed in brilliant tropical foliage, shining, in that clear light, like jewels above the golden band of the company their prisoners.

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e only in the case of the men; Meantime, apparently injected by cess was tolerably presentable like madness, Victorine Savatz had down the companionway to the skip-

he contrary, prest aspect in, to hind, and held her so, as a grown man
much-soiled shirt,
open from throat laughing a little at her efforts to reof hopelessly begain her freedom.

Reaching the deck in a bound, Capnumber of rude wattled nuts number
tain Goode comprehended the situatogether on the edge of the jungle,
to in a twinkling, and almost as
Soon as he appeared was shouting or
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the first to retion in a twinkling, and almost as
to were streaming to welcome the boat
that had brought the prisoners.

His summons required no repetition, alongshore within the attempt murder aboard my ves- ready at the rail, armed with sheath-

a hulking Nova Scotian with a face like a death-mask in brownish putty, as Mr. Nicholas. Behind them the foremast hands hovered, murmuring sympathetically, some half a dozen of them, including the negro who had cast the line to Juan Lopez.

Despite the protestations of the three that their sufferings had been nothing that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that their sufferings had been nothing the securion that made us take to an open that the securion that the arrival of the fotilla within halling distance. Goode lifted a stentorian voice, demanding the securion that the sec

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choding of peril came to him, a sense impending danger was communited. .. like a whisper in an uncount tongue wafted by a strange and through the blackness of abysmal bont you murdering bound."

"to the man who stands by me!"

With a gesture of tury Captain of the flottilla swiftly eneircied the vessel. Before Mr. Nicholas could refill bont you murdering bound." known tongue wafted by a strange wind through the blackness of abysmal night.

Formless, incoherent, a blind nightmare, this oppression gathered weight and bore upon him like the pressure of some grim, inhuman hand. He strangered strangered beneath it in benighted panic, till at length its insistence broke the chains of fatigue and he started awake, at length its insistence broke the chains of fatigue and he started awake, instantaneously sitting boit upright on the schooner drew swiftly away. On the tube time to receive the remaining contents of the tube tipped over the rail by men who lacked time to refill their

ward surge of the schooner was rising sun struck blindingly through of the sailors had been cut down by

awakening him.

Refreshed immeasurably by nine hours more of unbroken slumber, he stantly followed by foes to whom the

The horde surged forward. Philip, watery whispers along the off his feet by the rush. Breaking free sides and a languidly complaining with extraordinary luck, he found him-His capstan-bar, cool and negro with a face like a Chinese devil-the erew mask done in bronze bore down upon as a man's head, poised it carefully, roaring in his cars like the voice of

The man with the machete-annarfor dive the instant Philip's head came to

> Phillip did not reappear. The waters were empty save for two or three of up.

> dropped back to the deck. The Sa-maritan was completely possessed by

"Land in sight?"

Off to starboard—too close for bore the ship's tub, bottom up, slow-"How so" "Firste hole-worst in the Bahamas." this last lay between the Samaritan

Diving from beneath its kindly shel-

groes' undisputed prize and all who survived of its company their prisoners. On the

the beach.

But that same glance showed Philip something else that robbed the scene of all its beauty in his stell.

They met not a soul en route, and came out eventually on the broad, same by beach to find it altogether design to the scene of all its beauty in his stell.

ing Philip blasphemously in half a dozen languages.

Meaning and threaten-long oars lifting and rising first long breath, and took thought cave. against a course of action to be purally in the early sunlight.

try if they think we're weak enough:

the jungle, a majority of the women the told Philip, and darted below to and children following them.

rouse out the mate and get his re
With infinite stealth, infinite pains, the skipper.

"Shut up!" he was admonished. "I he told Philip, and darted below to raised in the nerthwest. Im- allow no such language aboard the allow no such language aboard the volve.

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With infinite stealth, infinite pains, infinite hardship. Philip made his way

There was a little pause. Stolidly

Repetition of Goode's hall and warn-nesses of the jungle and gave himself up to the contemplation of fortern

succeeding.

It took him the best part of the day to make his way through the virgin jungle around the clearing and up which had back into his boat and let him find anout, topping other ship to pick him up!"

The volume of the accompanying report was strangely loud in and discovered the Samaritan stand-

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Dropping flat on his belly, Phillip seawards, squirmed forward to a point on the lip of the cliff, whence it was posof the number of negroes who had stood guard before the mouth of the cave earlier in the day, perhaps half remained on duty. And as Philip looked down to count them, a negro boy ran up the path from the village, pay the dearest had returned, with the upshot that all but two of the guards promptly

and let it fall. Truly aimed, it struck the one guard armed with a musket on the head, and promptly rendered him

remaining guard-a huge brute of a armed with a machete. In the struggle that followed Juan

escape was due solely to Philip. fear lest it hit the wrong man-rw himself over the brink instead landing with terrific force on the back

Snatching up the machece and leav Snatching up the maenere and reaving the musket to Juan Lopez, Philip hurried litto the cave, meeting near the mouth of its neck his princess, followed by the Savatz woman and Mr.

The emergency permitted no delays r congratulation or demonstrations affection. Almost cavallerly Philip rust the woman he loved behind him and communicated to the mate of the

Samaritan his tidings
Two minutes later the little party was runniding frantically beachward

the distance to the shore reckers had landed from the schooner were making promptly for the

consciousness returned to him, had drifted a comfortable distance from lay breathlessly perdu while a rabble of drunken negroes streaming inland, following Ramon, the negro foremastter, he remained in sight, but unseen, only long enough to appreciate how stupendous had been his own good fortune, together with the unhappy fact.

For already the sudden tropic night had closed to sudden tropic night

At the same time, from the interior f the island, rose a blood-curdling chorus of yells, signalling the disco

shadowy shape of the Samaritan rid-ing at anchor without light, was bareperceptible in dark relief against

Launching one of the in it, Julia taking the tiller, while th others-including the Savatz, now

spawned them."

He dropped over the side into the lifeboat as he spoke. Philip followed.



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in for the beach towing a life. As quietly as was possible under the was no more sound save circumstances, remembering the urgent rumor of alarm upon the beaches of necessity for haste, the little craft stole Rum Cay.

wreckers were laid alongside.

Barely another bundred yards had the one woman at the oars when the

another minute. Then with a crash a white man's voice, and roar that seemed veritably to shake taneously aped a volcano in eruption. A vast sheet of flame shot toward nfernal glare. Against it bodies, way!"

pars, a miscellany of wreckage, stood "Help! I am drewning! Help!"

the Princess J black night brooded over the world.

what was in fact as many secondsthe night was made hideous by screams

It was not 100 yards from the chooner when the leading boats of the down upon the life-boat like some huge black wall. A little skill, coupled with amazing luck, enabled that refuge of the fugitives to ride over it. Smallwaves followed, less dangerous; but a little those at the oars were busily engaged in keeping the boat out of the trough.

in the comparative calm that pres ently fell, a man's voice was hear close by the life-boat, crying for help-Ramon!" Phillip claculated.

"Help! For the love of God, help!" The princess scanned the black face of the waters with superhuman solici-

"Row quickly!" the Princess Julia

implored.
"Let him drown!" growled Juan Lopez, mutinously. Sullenly Juan Lopez yielded. In another minute he was unwillingly help-

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